Iowa Department of Health And Human Services

CHILD CARE CENTER ANNUAL EVALUATION

Name of Center: Tiger Tots - Madrid Elementary

Provider No.: 52864

Address: 201 N Main St, Madrid, IA, 50156

County: Boone

Director's Name: Mikaela Dew

On-Site Supervisor: Alex Jacobs

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HHS Visit Date: 05/06/2026

Licensing Period: 06/12/2025 to 06/01/2027

Fire Inspection:

Date Inspected: 12/07/2023

Comments: State Fire Marshal inspections are due every three years per licensing regulations. THE CENTER WILL BE DUE FOR ANOTHER INSPECTION IN 12/2026.

Report Visit Type:

- [ ] PTO
- [X] Licensing Visit
- [ ] Drop In
- [ ] Administrative Change

License Type:

- [X] Full
- [ ] Provisional

Quality initiative:

- [ ] Accrediation

Program Duration:

- [X] Year-Round
- [ ] School Year
- [ ] Summer Only

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HOURS:	*Year-round*	*School-Year*	*Summer Only*
Sunday			
Monday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Tuesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Wednesday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Thursday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Friday	6:30 AM to 6:00 PM		
Saturday			

Program Population Served:

- [ ] Infant(0-<24 Months)
- [ ] Toddler
- [X] PreSchool
- [X] School Age
- [ ] All Ages

LICENSE CAPACITY	Infants	2 Years	Preschool	School-Aged	Capacity
General	0	0	20	52	72
Summer					0

1. Basic Overview

An off-year inspection was conducted on 5/6/26. The director was present throughout the inspection and the on-site supervisor for a portion of the inspection.

All areas of the program were observed. These areas observed consisted of classroom observations and activities, ratios, nutritional practices, health and safety practices, playground observation, field trip and transportation practices, and administrative review.

Tiger Tots Madrid Elementary is a newer program that was given permission to open on 5/30/25. The program is located in the old school administration building. This program serves preschool children and school - age children who go to this school. The center is in operation 6:30am - 8:00am and then again 3:00pm - 6:00pm during the school year and 6:30am - 6:00pm during the summer and no school days. Every Wednesday, there is an early out where hours of operation are 2:00pm - 6:00pm.The center uses their own learning curriculum based off a combination of other curriculums with children. Total child enrollment on the day of the inspection was 43 children.

The center is non - profit and overseen by a Board. Mikaela Dew is the director of this program as well as the Tiger Tots Child Care Center also located in Madrid. Mikaela has a Bachelor's degree as well as past experience working in child care. Alex Jacobs is the on-site supervisor at this program. Alex has a Bachelor's degree as well as past experience working in child care.

There are a total of three classrooms. The two smaller classrooms both have a capacity of 18 children. The larger classroom has a capacity of 36 children.

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During the inspection, children were engaged in free-choice play at the different learning stations set up in classrooms and then observed washing their hands to sit down for the PM snack. Toys and other equipment in classrooms are being sanitized daily. Children gave specific answers as to where they relocate to for monthly fire and tornado drills.

NUTRITION: The center provides breakfast and a PM snack. The elementary school provides lunch to children year-round. Menus were posted and all food storage was sufficient. Children eat at the child-size tables and chairs for snacks and breakfast and in the school cafeteria for lunch. Milk needs to be one percent or skim milk cows milk if no allergies.

TRANSPORTATION/FIELD TRIPS: The center contracts with the school district and takes a bus for all field trips that are not within walking distance. For all field trips, a first-aid kit children children's emergency contacts are taken along.

PLAYGROUND: The center utilizes the school playground. There are several climbing structures, swings, and a large grass area. Bolts along the baseball/softball backstop fence still need to be cut/capped so that no more than two threads are showing. Surfacing under the saucer swings was insufficient. It is recommended outdoor playground mats be purchased and placed under these swings like on the other climbing/swing structure area. There was a steal cable to block off parking that needs to be more secure rather than just lying on the ground and accessible to children.

For more difficult child behaviors, the center stresses working together and teamwork to address these behaviors with children. The center also practices frequent communication with parents for assistance in getting these behaviors to hopefully become more infrequent.

2. Identify Observed Strengths of the program

This is a newer center that meets a need in the community. Enrollment is steady.

The director is organized.

The two Tiger Tots programs share the same staff, handbooks, etc. There is continuity.

The center uses the app Brightwheel for increased communication with parents and staff.

Staff photos are posted near the entrance.

Good staff - child interactions were observed. Good staff redirection was observed for one child having a more difficult time listening to instructions.

3. Identify the aspects that fall below the standard

109.10(14)a: The center and supervisor shall ensure that staff knows names and number of children assigned. Staff shall provide careful supervision.
When children need to use the restrooms, staff should at least be in the hallway/doorway supervising to ensure children went into the restroom and one at a time.

109.11(3)a: Center shall ensure that:- Facility and premises are sanitary, safe, and hazard free. Sufficient lighting shall be provided. Sufficient ventilation. Sufficient heating. Sufficient cooling. Equipment placed in the program area is maintained so as not to result in injury to the children.
1. There was a dangling cord in the big classroom that needs to be more securely tucked behind equipment and/or taped securely to the wall.
2. The cabinet in the hallway at the entrance stores cleaning products and this cabinet needs to be locked and/or the cleaning products moved to an area inaccessible to children.

109.13(1 and 2): Center shall serve each child a full, nutritionally balanced meal as defined by CACFP guidelines. Staff shall provide supervision at table during snacks and meals. Children at center two hours or longer shall be offered food of not less than two hours and no more than three hours apart unless child is asleep. Menus shall be made available to parents and kept on file with substitutions noted. Avoid foods with high incident rate of causing choking.
Milk needs to be one percent or skim cows milk.

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4. Any corrective action plans, provisional license, and safety plans-steps to get into compliance

N/A.

5. Special Notes/Recommendations

Because the center serves preschool children, they will need a carbon monoxide detector and they will have to do radon testing and have copies of furnace/boiler/HVAC inspections. It is recommended the center do radon testing in all three classrooms over Memorial weekend. If radon levels in all three rooms come back below the 4.0 cutoff, the center can move to testing every five years. If 4.0 or higher in any classroom, retesting is needed to get under 4.0 (may need to contact a radon mitigation specialist), and the center will at least temporarily remain on a two year testing timeframe.

The handbooks used by this program are by and large the same handbooks they use at the Tiger Tots child care program also located in Madrid. These were previously reviewed.

As mentioned at last year's inspection, it is recommended the center also be able to have access to the school cafeteria restrooms for hand washing before meals. Hands are washed down at the center, but then children walk to the cafeteria from there, use hand sanitizer, and then sit down for lunch.

See notes above on the playground.

I -Power was discussed at the inspection. All staff who work at this program should also be linked to this program (and the other related center if work at both). Mandatory Reporter and First-Aid/CPR will have to be manually uploaded into profiles.

Date: 05/08/2026

HHS Licensing Consultant: Nate Knepper

Non-compliance with any of the mandated regulatory requirements listed above may lead to the cancellation or revocation of your Child Care License. Please take steps necessary to completely address each of the violations noted above.

Child Care Resource and Referral is an excellent resource for providers to access training options and support in your area. You can reach Child Care Resource and Referral at **https://iowaccrr.org**.